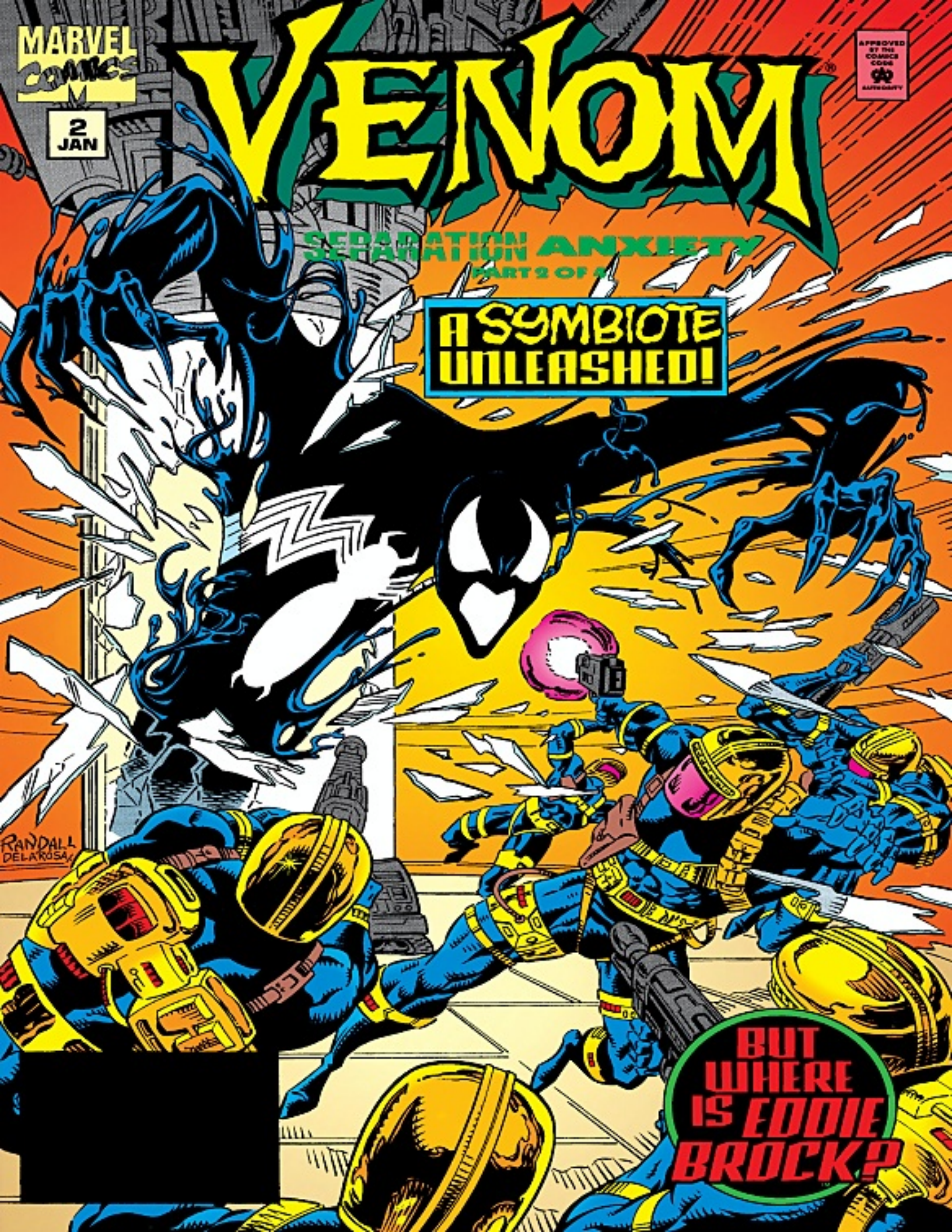
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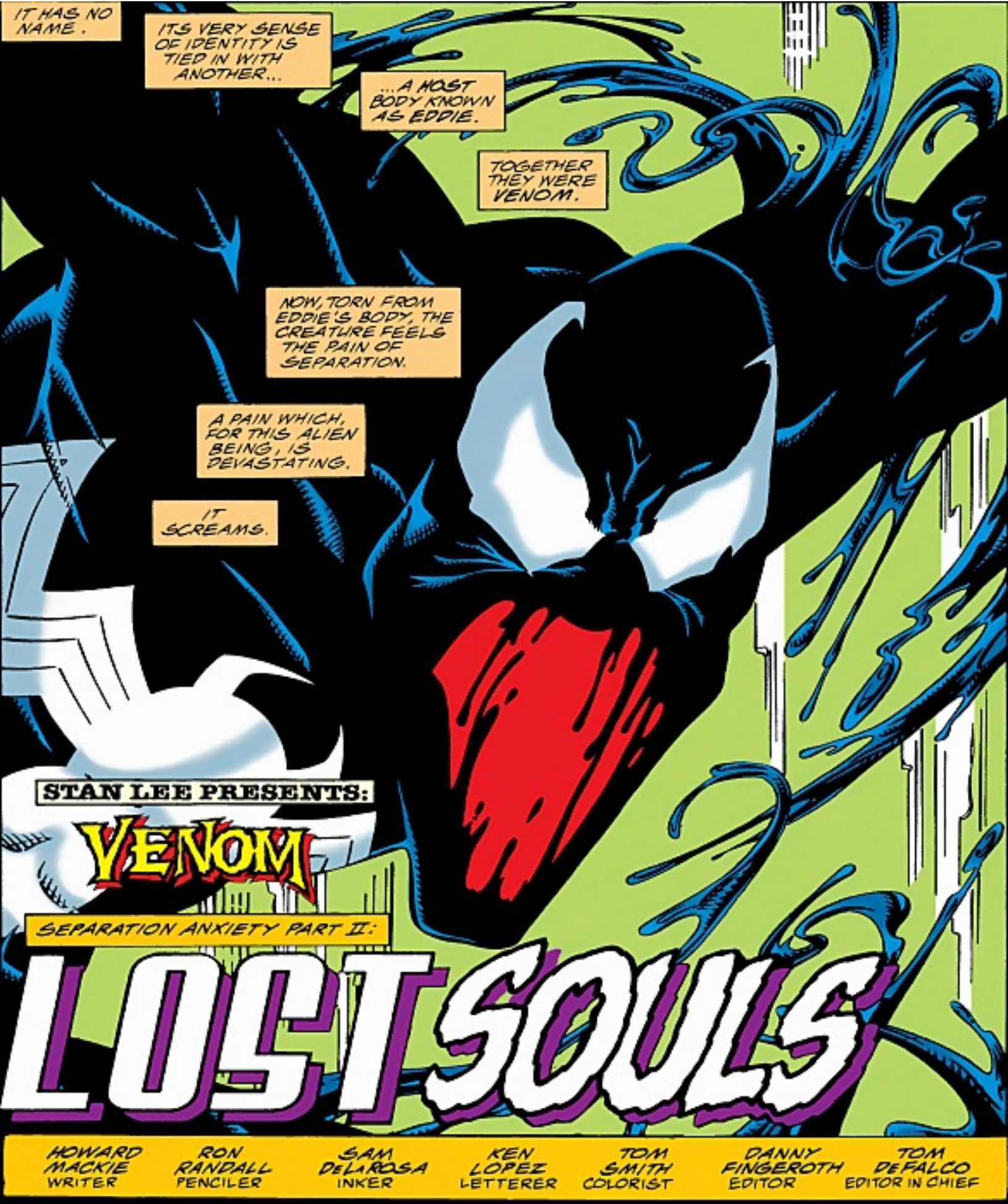

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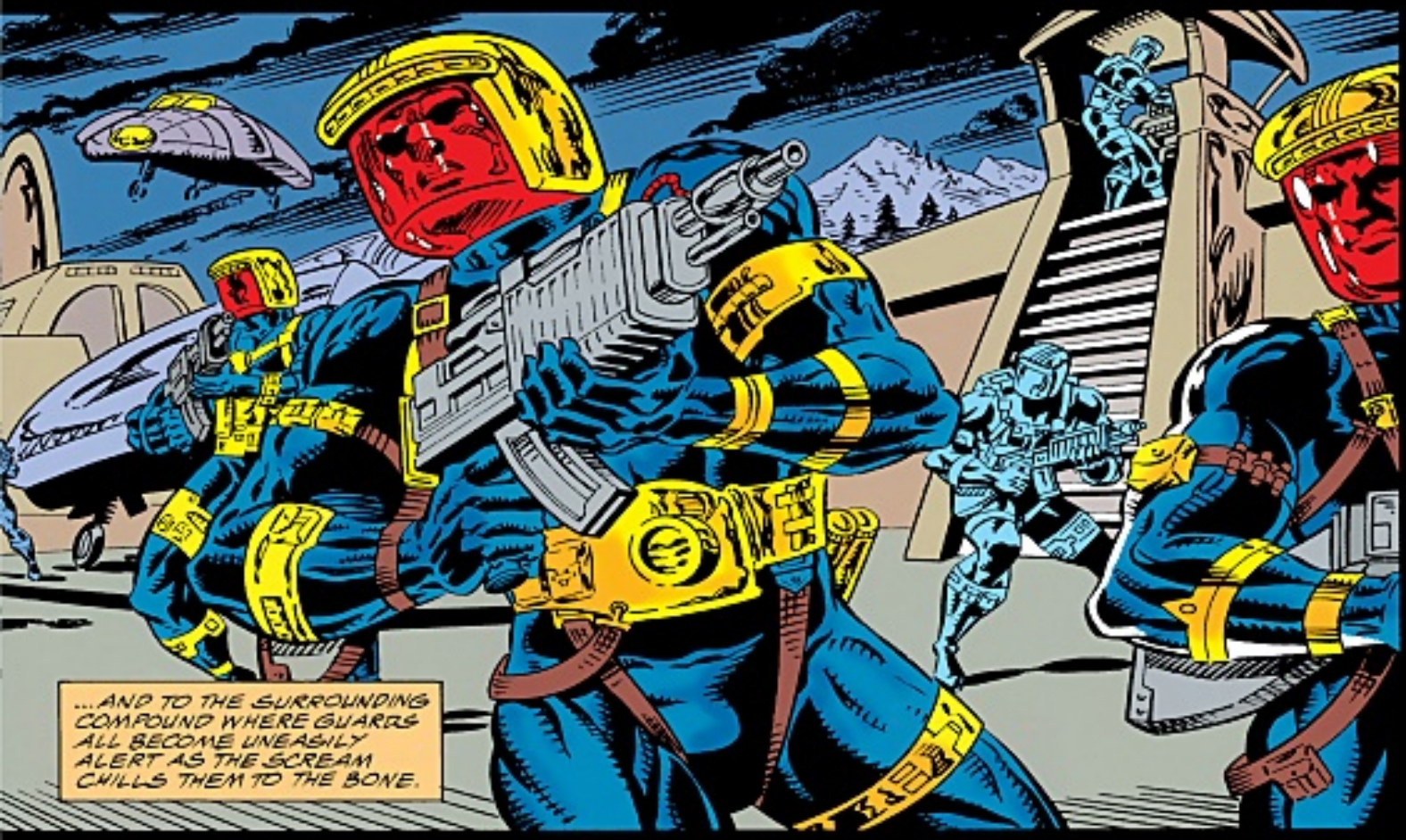
THE SCREAM, THOUGH JUST BELOW THE RANGE OF HUMAN HEARING, IS CARRIED THROUGH THE HALLS OF THE TOP SECRET RESEARCH FACILITY...
BACK INSIDE, DR. EDMUND ZWERLING WATCHES ON, CALMLY AND CLINICALLY...
FASCINATING.
APPARENTLY, THE CREATURE MISSES ITS HOST.
IT SHOULD HAVE NO MEANS OF GENERATING SUCH A SOUND AND YET...
SIMPLY FASCINATING.
ONE MUST WONDER WHAT OTHER SURPRISES IT MIGHT HAVE IN STORE FOR US


...AND TO THE SURROUNDING COMPOUND WHERE GUARDS ALL BECOME UNEASILY ALERT AS THE SCREAM CHILLS THEM TO THE BONE.

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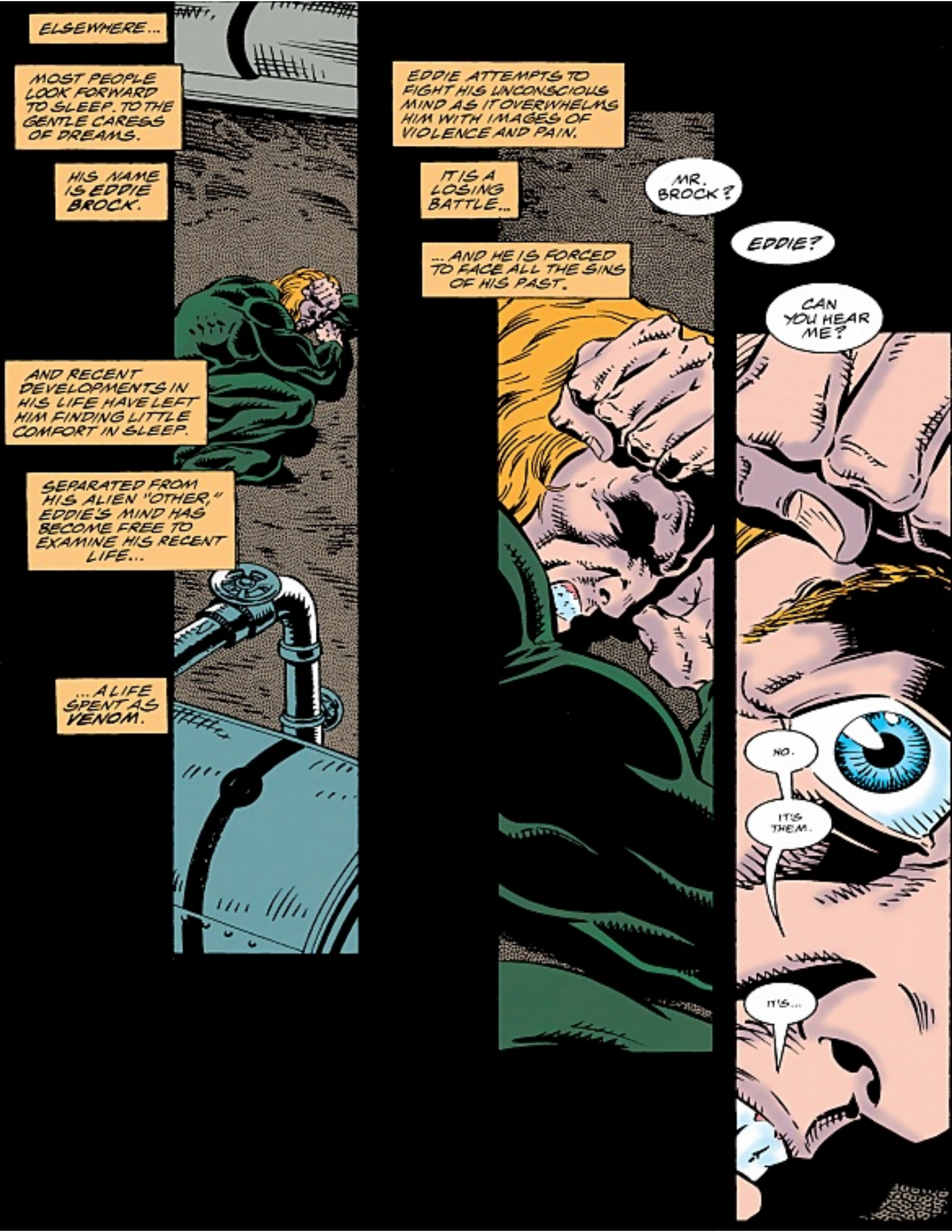
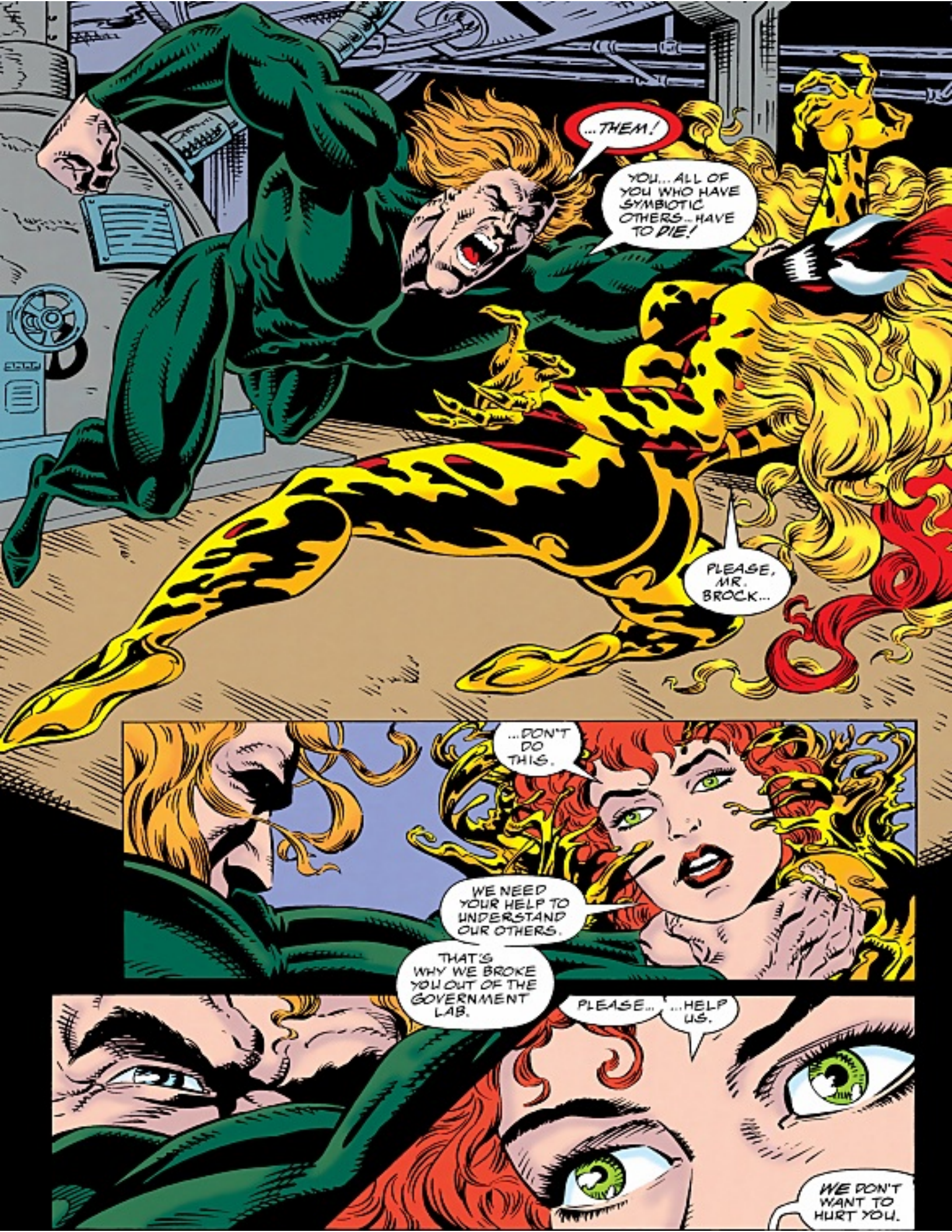
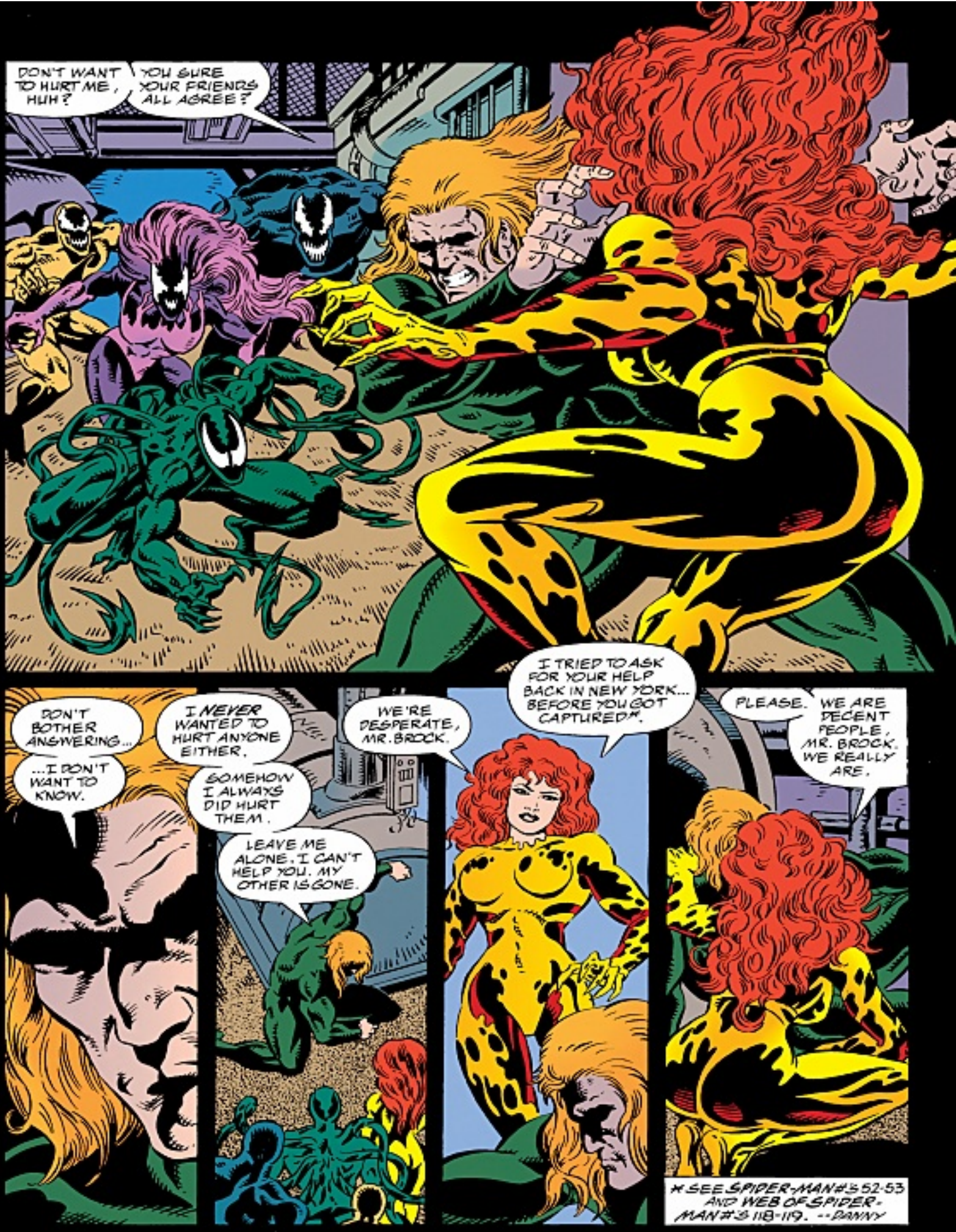
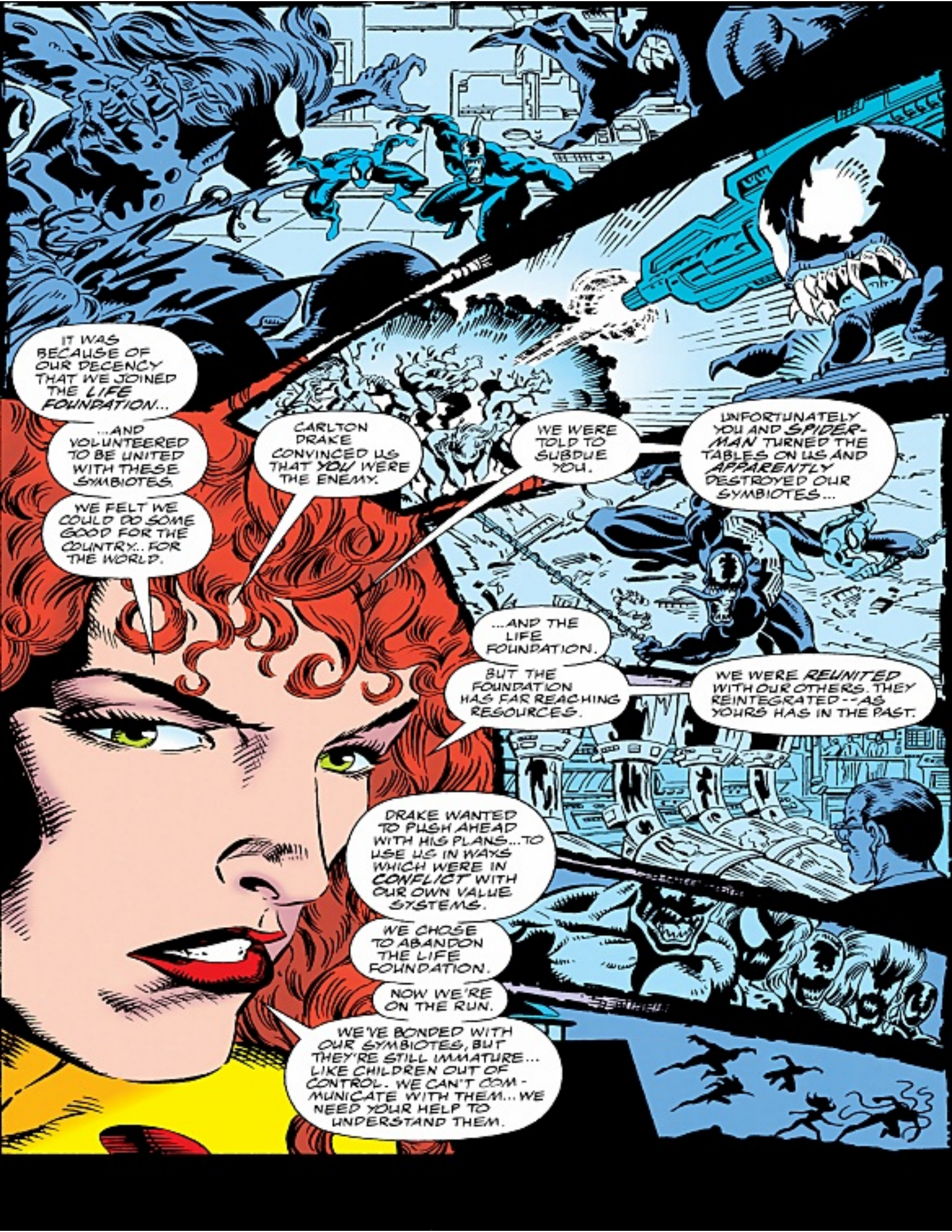
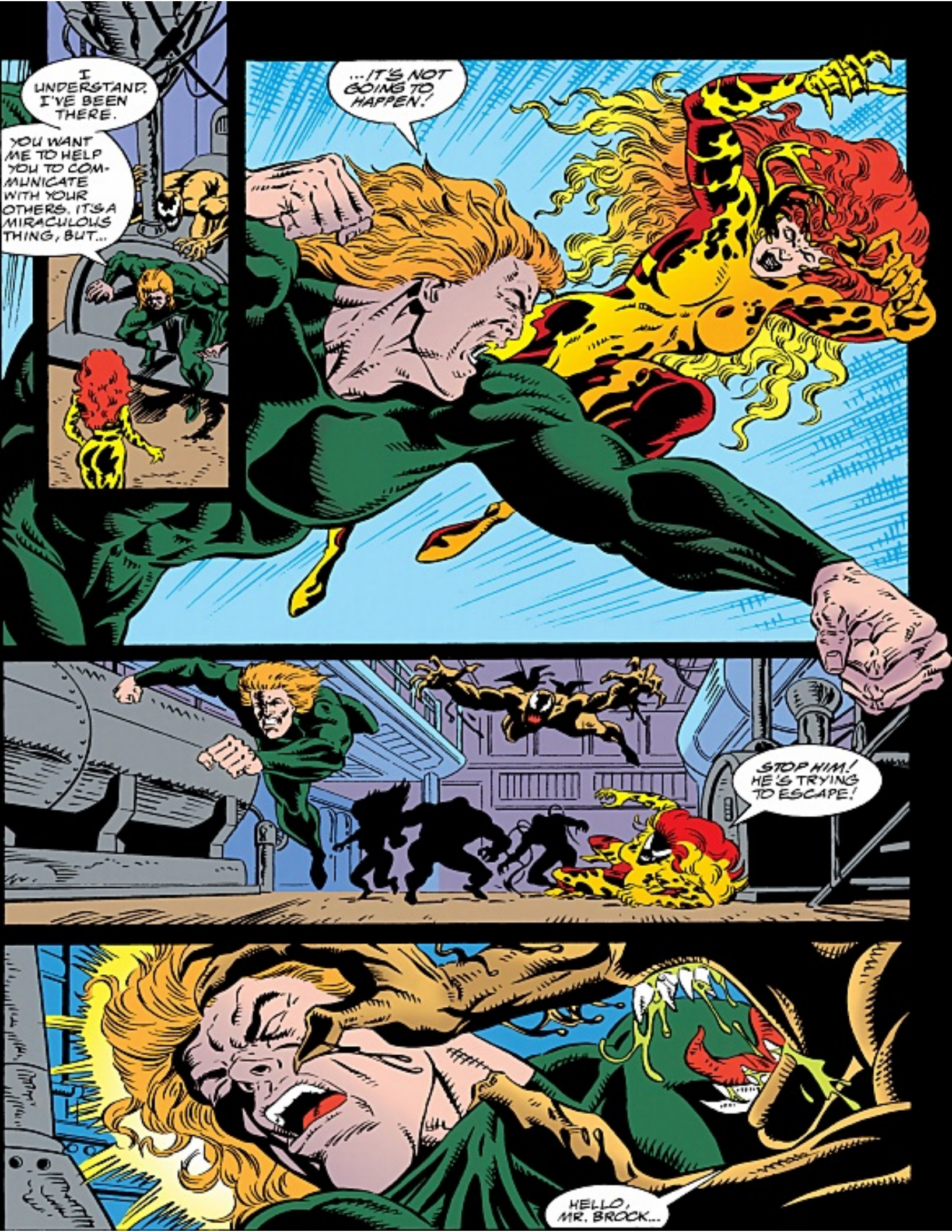

ELSEWHERE...
MOST PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD TO SLEEP. TO THE GENTLE CARESS OF DREAMS.
HIS NAME IS EDDIE BROCK.
AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS LIFE HAVE LEFT HIM FINDING LITTLE COMFORT IN SLEEP.
SEPARATED FROM HIS ALIEN "OTHER," EDDIE'S MIND HAS BECOME FREE TO EXAMINE HIS RECENT LIFE...
...A LIFE SPENT AS VENOM.
EDDIE ATTEMPTS TO FIGHT HIS UNCONSCIOUS MIND AS IT OVERWHELMS HIM WITH IMAGES OF VIOLENCE AND PAIN.
IT IS A LOSING BATTLE...
...AND HE IS FORCED TO FACE ALL THE SINS OF HIS PAST.
MR. BROCK?
EDDIE?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
NO.
IT'S THEM.
IT'S...


...THEM!
YOU... ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SYMBIOTIC OTHERS... HAVE TO DIE!
PLEASE, MR. BROCK...
...DON'T DO THIS.
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UNDERSTAND OUR OTHERS.
THAT'S WHY WE BROKE YOU OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT LAB.
PLEASE...
...HELP US.
WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

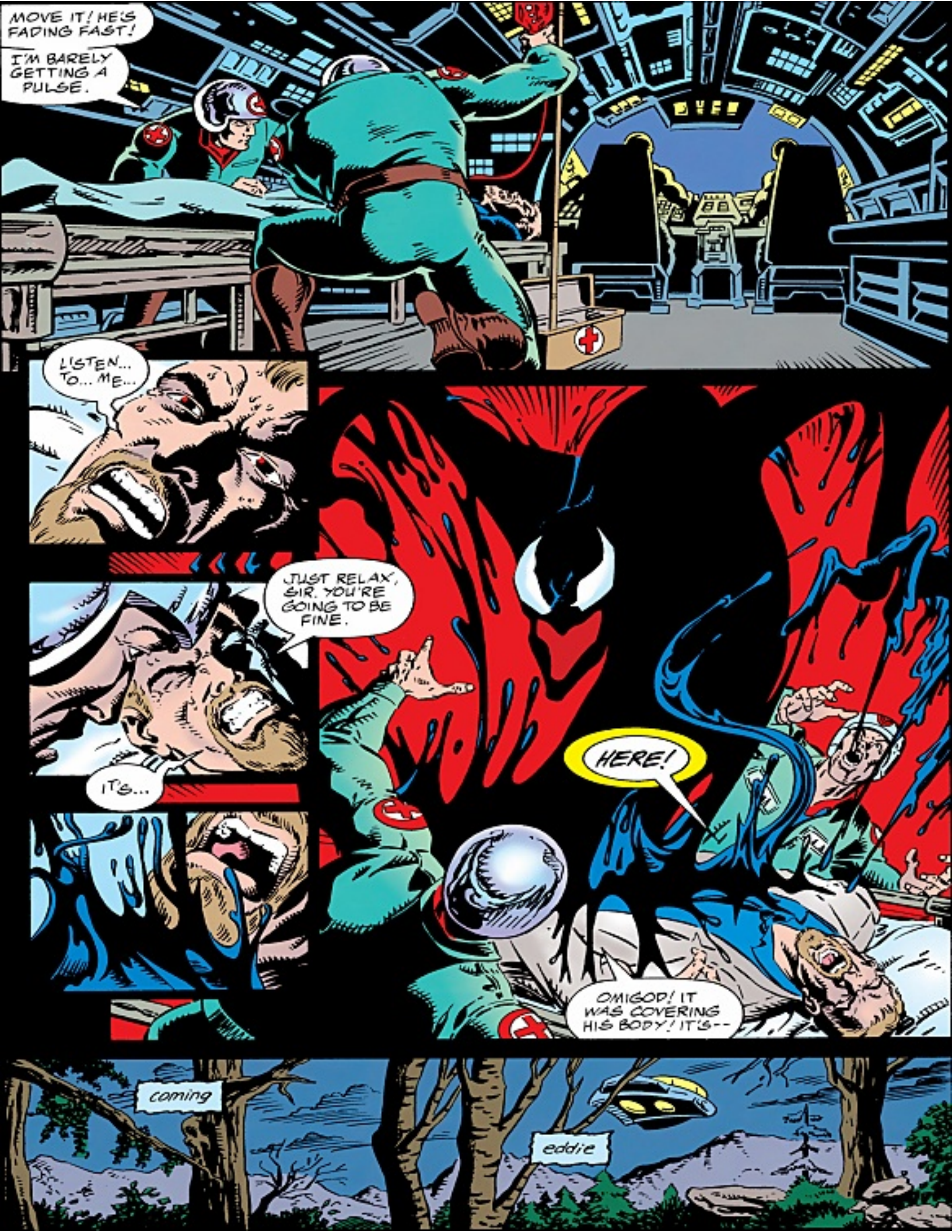

DON'T WANT TO HURT ME, HUH?
YOU SURE YOUR FRIENDS ALL AGREE?
DON'T BOTHER ANSWERING...
...I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
I NEVER WANTED TO HURT ANYONE EITHER.
SOMEHOW I ALWAYS DID HURT THEM.
LEAVE ME ALONE. I CAN'T HELP YOU. MY OTHER IS GONE.
WE'RE DESPERATE, MR. BROCK.
I TRIED TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP BACK IN NEW YORK... BEFORE YOU GOT CAPTURED*.
PLEASE.
WE ARE DECENT PEOPLE, MR. BROCK. WE REALLY ARE.
*SEE SPIDER-MAN #'S 52-53 AND WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #'S 118-119. --DANNY


IT WAS BECAUSE OF OUR DECENCY THAT WE JOINED THE LIFE FOUNDATION...
...AND VOLUNTEERED TO BE UNITED WITH THESE SYMBIOTES.
WE FELT WE COULD DO SOME GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY... FOR THE WORLD.
CARLTON DRAKE CONVINCED US THAT YOU WERE THE ENEMY.
WE WERE TOLD TO SUBDUE YOU.
UNFORTUNATELY YOU AND SPIDER-MAN TURNED THE TABLES ON US AND APPARENTLY DESTROYED OUR SYMBIOTES...
...AND THE LIFE FOUNDATION.
BUT THE FOUNDATION HAS FAR REACHING RESOURCES.
WE WERE REUNITED WITH OUR OTHERS. THEY REINTEGRATED--AS YOURS HAS IN THE PAST.
DRAKE WANTED TO PUSH AHEAD WITH HIS PLANS...TO USE US IN WAYS WHICH WERE IN CONFLICT WITH OUR OWN VALUE SYSTEMS.
WE CHOSE TO ABANDON THE LIFE FOUNDATION.
NOW WE'RE ON THE RUN.
WE'VE BONDED WITH OUR SYMBIOTES, BUT THEY'RE STILL IMMATURE... LIKE CHILDREN OUT OF CONTROL. WE CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH THEM... WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UNDERSTAND THEM.


I UNDERSTAND. I'VE BEEN THERE.
YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR OTHERS. IT'S A MIRACULOUS THING, BUT...
...IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!
STOP HIM! HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE!
HELLO, MR. BROCK...

...MY NAME IS CARL!
WE TRIED TO REASON WITH YOU.
DONNA IS BIG INTO REASONING.
BUT I'VE FOUND THAT WHEN DEALING WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU...
...REASONING DOESN'T WORK!
SO YOU ARE GOING TO HELP US, MR. BROCK!
I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL SEE IT OUR WAY...
...OR YOU WON'T BE SEEING ANYTHING AT ALL!
CARL! STOP THIS! YOU'RE LOSING CONTROL TO YOUR OTHER!
STOP!
NO, CARL, COME ON! SHOW ME HOW DECENT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS REALLY ARE!
HAHAHAHA!

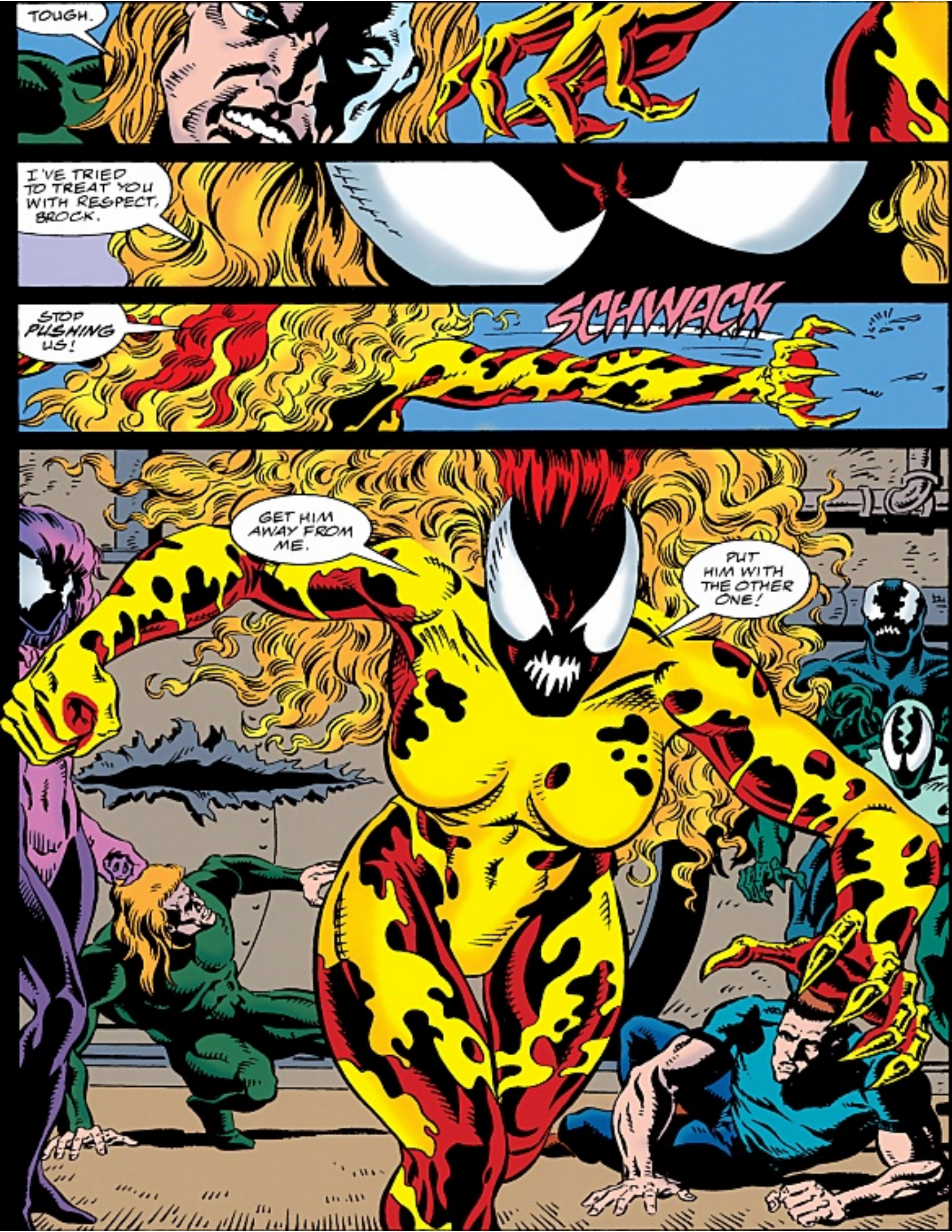
MEANWHILE, AT THE ADIRONDACK FACILITY HOLDING THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE...
WOOOOOO
ALL UNITS CONVERGE ON MAIN BUILDING!
"THE SUBJECT HAS ESCAPED!"
OMIGOD! THIS PLACE IS A SLAUGHTERHOUSE!
ZWERLING IS STILL ALIVE!
PULSE IS WEAK...ERRATIC... GET THE CHOPPER READY!
STAY SHARP, PEOPLE! I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THAT THING ANY OPPORTUNITY TO SNEAK ON BOARD.
COLONEL TANG TO ALL UNITS.
LET'S START TAKING THIS PLACE APART BRICK BY BRICK.
THAT THING IS NOT ESCAPING!

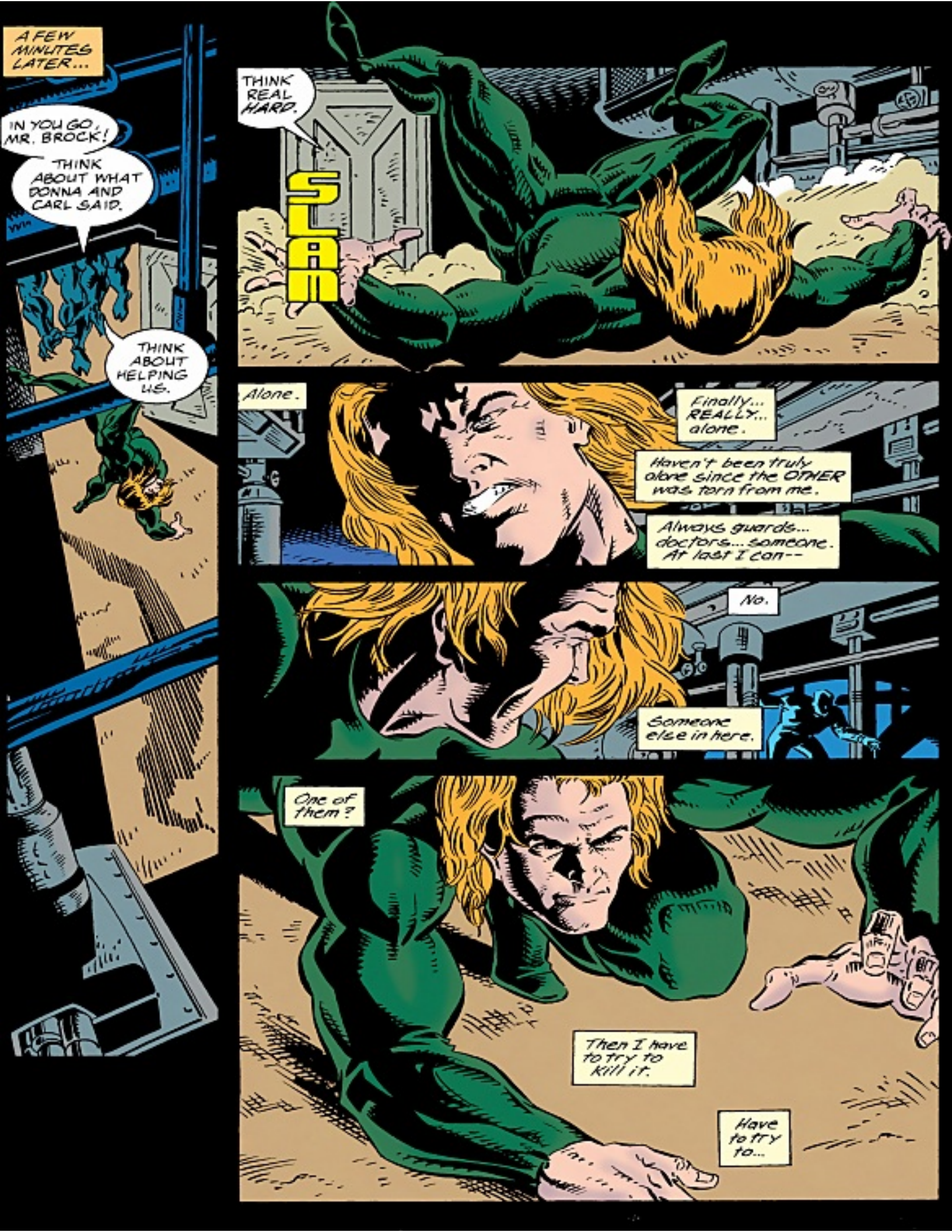

MOVE IT! HE'S FADING FAST!
I'M BARELY GETTING A PULSE.
LISTEN... TO... ME...
JUST RELAX, SIR. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE.
IT'S...
HERE!
OMIGOD! IT WAS COVERING HIS BODY! IT'S--
coming
eddie

BE A MAN, CARL!
JUST DO IT!
PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY!
END IT NOW. END IT HERE.
GET CONTROL OF YOURSELF, CARL!
TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR OTHER!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE STRONGEST OF US ALL!
PLEASE, CARL...
...DO IT FOR ALL OF US!
FIGHT IT!
HURTS...
...SO...
...MUCH.

YOU DID IT, CARL. YOU CONTROLLED IT.
YOU WON.
BRAVO! BRAVO!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE HERO TODAY, CARL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?
DO NOT LAUGH AT US, MR. BROCK.
WE ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO STAY IN CONTROL AND YOU'RE NOT HELPING THE SITUATION.


TOUGH.
I'VE TRIED TO TREAT YOU WITH RESPECT, BROCK.
STOP PUSHING US!
SCHWACK
GET HIM AWAY FROM ME.
PUT HIM WITH THE OTHER ONE!


A FEW MINUTES LATER...
IN YOU GO, MR. BROCK!
THINK ABOUT WHAT DONNA AND CARL SAID.
THINK ABOUT HELPING US.
THINK REAL HARD.
SLAM
Alone.
Finally... REALLY... alone.
Haven't been truly alone since the OTHER was torn from me.
Always guards... doctors... someone. At last I can--
No.
Someone else in here.
One of them?
Then I have to try to kill it.
Have to try to...

...KILL THEM ALL!

NO!

WAIT! DON'T!
I'M NOT ONE OF THEM! IT'S ME, BROCK! ME!

ELLIS... THE REPORTER?

YEAH. NOW, ABOUT THAT INTERVIEW...?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.
HE'S CRAZY. HE'S NOT GOING TO COOPERATE.
WE NEED TO MAKE HIM COOPERATE, DONNA.

HOW, CARL?
HOW DO WE DO IT WITHOUT BECOMING HIM?

DO WE JUST GIVE IN TO THESE ALIEN COSTUMES... STOP FIGHTING THEM... STOP TRYING TO COMMUNICATE...
...SO THEY CAN TAKE OVER OUR LIVES!?

TIME IS AGAINST US, DONNA. YOU KNOW THE LIFE FOUNDATION ISN'T GOING TO LET US WALK AWAY WITH ONE OF THEIR TOP SECRET WEAPONS.
I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THEIR ORGANIZATION ANYMORE.
BROCK IS OUR ONLY CHANCE.

THEN IT'S LOOKING LIKE WE DON'T STAND MUCH OF A CHANCE.
I'M TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT IT. I'M GOING TO GET SOME SLEEP.
YOU ALL SHOULD DO THE SAME.
IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT, CARL. WE'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT THESE THINGS.
I HOPE SO, LESLIE.
I REALLY DO.

SO WHEN DID YOU FIRST MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR OTHER?
WHY IS IT SO STRONG?
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE VENOM LOOK? THE NAME?
IS IT REALLY AN ALIEN?
WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
CAN YOU TALK TO IT?
DOES IT TALK BACK?
ELLIS...
...SHUT UP!
IT'S COMING.
MY OTHER IS COMING.
I CAN FEEL IT.

AT THAT MOMENT...
LET'S DO THIS BY THE NUMBERS, PEOPLE.
I DON'T WANT THAT THING GETTING AWAY AGAIN.
NOTHING, COLONEL. SENSORS AREN'T SHOWING ANY LIFE SIGNS ON THIS SHIP.
THEY'RE ALL DEAD.
GO OVER IT AGAIN. I WANT NO MISTAKES.
AND I WANT ROADBLOCKS, SEARCH TEAMS, ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES INVOLVED...
INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO SHOOT TO KILL... I WANT THAT THING STOPPED!

MEANWHILE...
A FEW MILES AWAY ON A DARK AND LONELY STRETCH OF HIGHWAY...
coming
coming
for
you.
CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!